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For: **CASH BACK DURING DISPENSER TRANSACTION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For this continuation application based on prior application 09/280,316, please make the following amendments to the specification and claims. If any additional fees are required in association with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account 50-1732.

In the Specification

Please insert the following as the first sentence of the specification: "This is a continuation of Application 09/280,316, filed March 29, 1999."

REMARKS

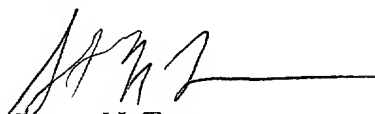
In the Advisory Action mailed on January 25, 2002, the Examiner cited U.S. Patent No. 5,859,416, assigned to Gatto, to support the position that a "cash back feature" is well known to in the art at the time of filing of the parent application to this application. Gatto does reference "cash back" in one place at column 6, line 23; however, this "cash back" is referenced in relation to change given at a fuel dispenser for over payment of fuel. This is not the same as claimed in the present invention given a

reasonable interpretation of the claims. The claims of the present invention involve giving a customer cash back in excess of a transaction amount in response to an authorization or request by the customer. This function is not disclosed or suggested in Gatto. Therefore, Gatto cannot be used to support the examiner's position for Official Notice.

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